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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/701,084

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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD TO
 REDUCE PEROXIDES IN MIDDLE
 DISTILLATE FUELS
 CONTAINING OXYGENATES

Examiner: Cephia D. Toomer
 Art Unit: 1714
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Sir:

Applicant submits this response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed June 30, 2006.

Applicant responds to the species elections without traverse.

As to the Examiner's paragraph 1, Applicant elects "nitrate esters" as the polar functional group of the hydrocarbon.

As to the Examiner's paragraph 2, Applicant elects "ethers" as the oxygenate.

Applicant understands that no election is required for claims 1, 5-10, 14-19, 22, 23, 27-32, 36-41, 45-50, and 54-58, and that these will be searched and examined as filed.

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The undersigned attorney appreciates the Examiner's assistance in discussing the Office Action during the telephone conversation of July 11, 2006.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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